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2008 Fine Arts Director Announced



The Colorado State fair is pleased to announce Bonnie Waugh as its 2008 Fine Arts Director. Bonnie, a Pueblo native, has been a professional artist for 15 years and an Arts and Artist advocate in the community over 20 years. She holds a Bachelors of Arts from Colorado State University, Pueblo, and post graduate education from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins as well as Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

In 2001 Bonnie founded Red Raven Studios, a community Arts forum offering the city of Pueblo numerous independent art shows, workshops, studio spaces and a variety of other Art related events. In addition to her involvement in the community, her reputation as a fine artist continues to grow. She has had solo exhibitions at the Sangre De Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo and the business of Art Center in Manitou Springs. She has been a featured artist in numerous shows and galleries throughout the region and has served as a curator, judge and/or juror for various student and public shows and exhibitions.

Bonnie has long been a supporter, participant and attendee of the Colorado State Fair's Fine Art Exhibition. In 2007 her painting "Impossibilities" was awarded Best of Show in the professional division. She is honored to now find herself in the position of serving as Director for an event she believes to be one of the most important shows in the state.

Bonnie says, "The state fair Fine Arts Exhibit is such an important show for Pueblo. It speaks to such a large audience and represents a tremendous opportunity for education and exposure to the Arts for many who may not normally view Art. The diversity and quality of this show continues to grow each year, with new and enthusiastic artists of all ages and talent levels participating. Innovative artists will find the State Fair to be a welcome venue for their work. This show is no longer for just the traditional artist, many members of the avant-garde have begun to enter, and that brings a healthy cultural mix for Pueblo's Art community as well as the larger community throughout the state."